

PROPOSED PROVISION AFFECTING THE APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT FOR "ARMY TRANSPORTATION"

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, February 16, 1939.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a proposed provision affecting the appropriation for the War Department for "Army transportation", fiscal year 1939.

The details of this proposed provision, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, February 15, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a proposed provision affecting an existing appropriation for the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, as follows:

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Army transportation: The amount authorized for the purchase or construction of boats and other vessels in the appropriation for "Army transportation," contained in the Military Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1939, is hereby increased from \$242,000 to \$262,000 (10 U. S. C. 72; 52 Stat. 650-651).

The War Department appropriation for "Army transportation," fiscal year 1939, authorized the expenditure of not to exceed \$242,000 for the purchase or construction of boats and other vessels. It is necessary that the amount of this authorization be increased to \$262,000 because of unexpected increases in the cost of a lighter, required for use in connection with the defenses of New York Harbor, and of a rescue boat for the Army Air Corps, and the need for replacing four motor yawls, pertaining to the submarine mine defense of New York Harbor, which were destroyed by the hurricane of September 21, 1938. The total increase required for these purposes is \$26,000, but a \$6,000 decrease can be made in other items, leaving a net increase of \$20,000.

The foregoing proposed provision is required to provide for contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939. I recommend that it be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

F. J. BAILEY,  
*Executive Assistant,*  
(For and in the absence of the Acting  
Director of the Bureau of the Budget).

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